

ORDINANCE NO. 1754

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LODI AMENDING CHAPTER 12.12 OF  
THE LODI MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING AND  
REENACTING SECTION 12.12.420, RELATING TO  
SKATE PARK REGULATIONS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12.12 – “Parks” - is hereby amended by repealing and reenacting §12.12.420, relating skate park regulations to read as follows:

**12.12.420 Skate Park Regulations.**

The following regulations shall apply to the riding of skateboards, in-line skates, or roller skates at, or any other use of, any facility or park owned or operated by the City of Lodi, which has been designated a skate park:

- A. Within the skate park, it shall be unlawful for any person to:
- (1) Ride, operate, or use a skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates unless that person maintains in his/her possession a valid skate park identification card issued pursuant to policies and procedures established by the Parks and Recreation Department.
  - (2) Ride, operate, or use a skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates, unless that person is wearing a helmet designed for skateboarding and/or in-line skating use with a chin strap, elbow pads designed for skateboard and/or in-line skating use with plastic elbow caps, and knee pads designed for skateboard and/or in-line skating use with plastic knee caps, which equipment shall be in good repair at all times during use;
  - (3) Ride, operate, utilize a skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates unless such equipment is in good repair at all times during use;
  - (4) Be on or use an individual apparatus within the skate park while another person is using it;
  - (5) Place or utilize additional obstacles or other materials (including but not limited to ramps or jumps) within the skate park;
  - (6) Use the skate park amenities when the surfaces of the amenities are wet or other conditions exist which would adversely affect the safety of skateboarders or skaters;
  - (7) Use, operate, or possess any source of amplified music including but not limited to stereo's, boom boxes, and amplifiers.

- (8) Enter the skate park unless actively skateboarding or in-line skating in accordance with these regulations;
- (9) Use, consume, or have within his or her custody or control, food or beverages, within the skate park;
- (10) Use, consume, or have within his or her custody or control, alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs within the skate park;
- (11) Enter upon the skate park while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs;
- (12) Use or possess glass containers, bottles, or other breakable glass products within the skate park;
- (13) Use or engage in profanity, reckless and boisterous behavior (including, but not limited to, tandem riding, pushing, horseplay, and bullying) or any activity which could endanger the safety of persons using the skate park or spectators;
- (14) Engage in graffiti, tagging, or other defacing of City property or the properties of others;
- (15) Ride, operate, or utilize any device other than a skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates (prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, bicycles, motor vehicles, motorized skateboards, and motorized skates) on the skate park;
- (16) No person shall enter or remain in or upon the skate park premises: 1) while closed, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Department, or 2) between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.
- (17) Use or have within his or her custody or control, board wax, within the skate park.
- (18) No person shall enter in or upon the skate park premises with any animal.

B. The skate park shall be posted with signs at the following locations:

- (1) At the entrance to the skate Park; and
- (2) On the fences of the skate park, facing the interior of the skate park, and in such places inside the park as determined by the City. The signs shall not be less than 2 feet by 3 feet in size and shall use black letters on a white background. The signs may, but shall not be required to, summarize the regulations governing the use of the skate facility. Each sign shall contain, in letters not less than ½ inch in height, the following language:

### WARNING

SKATEBOARDING AND IN-LINE SKATING ARE HAZARDOUS RECREATION ACTIVITIES. USE OF THIS FACILITY MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH. THE CITY OF LODI DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURIES OR DEATH. EACH PERSON ENTERING THE FACILITY ASSUMES ALL RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH. CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE §§115800 AND 115800.1.

A VALID CITY ISSUED SKATE PARK IDENTIFICATION CARD IS REQUIRED TO BE IN THE POSSESSION OF EACH PERSON USING THIS FACILITY. ANY PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CITATIONS AND PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LODI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.08.010.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO RIDE, OPERATE, OR UTILIZE A SKATEBOARD OR IN-LINE SKATES UNLESS THE PERSON IS WEARING A HELMET DESIGNED FOR SKATEBOARD USE AND/OR IN-LINE SKATING WITH A CHIN STRAP, ELBOW PADS DESIGNED FOR SKATEBOARD AND/OR IN-LINES SKATING USE WITH PLASTIC ELBOW CAPS AND KNEE PADS DESIGNED FOR SKATEBOARD AND/OR IN-LINE SKATING USE WITH PLASTIC KNEE CAPS, WHICH EQUIPMENT SHALL BE IN GOOD REPAIR AT ALL TIMES DURING USE. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO RIDE, OPERATE, OR UTILIZE ANY DEVICE OTHER THAN NON-MOTORIZED SKATE BOARDS AND NON-MOTORIZED SKATES. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO PROVIDE AMPLIFIED MUSIC WITHIN THE SKATE PARK. ANY PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CITATIONS AND PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LODI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.08.010.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

SECTION 3. No Mandatory Duty of Care. This ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed or given effect in a manner which imposes upon the City, or any officer or employee thereof, a mandatory duty of care toward persons or property within the City or outside of the City so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be published one time in the "Lodi News-Sentinel," a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi and shall be in force and take effect thirty days from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005

  
JOHN BECKMAN  
Mayor

Attest:  
  
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk

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State of California  
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Susan J. Blackston, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1754 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held December 15, 2004, and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held January 5, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce,  
and Mayor Beckman

NOES; COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1754 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.

  
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER  
City Attorney